

# Iraq Information Technology Intern Exchange Program

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The U.S. Department of State has launched the first Information Technology Intern Exchange program. The Iraq Information Technology (IT) Intern Program is the first IT exchange program bringing six Iraqi information technology professionals to work and study in the U.S. from January 24 to April 27.

The six Iraqi technology interns will spend 12 weeks working with some of the leading technology firms in the country, acquiring critical IT and entrepreneurial skills that they will use to help develop the technology industry in Iraq.

Among the leading companies participating in the pilot program are AT&T, Howcast, Mercy Corps, Engine Yard and Blue State Digital. During the 12-week internship program, the interns will meet with government officials, visit such leading universities as the University of California-Berkeley, Stanford University, the University of Maryland and develop hands-on experience at leading companies such as Google and Twitter.

The Iraq Information Technology Intern Program was created as a result of a Tech Delegation visit to Iraq in April 2009, and was announced at the U.S. Iraq Investment Conference, held in Washington DC on October 20-21, 2009.